

Amendments to the Claims

Please replace the Claims as shown below:

1. (currently amended) A ~~non-contact security system~~, said system comprising:
an entryway;

a portable computing device comprising a radio frequency identification integrated circuit that outputs a radio frequency signal containing a security code in response to being located within a radio frequency signal field where said radio frequency identification integrated circuit ~~picked~~ picks up enough radio frequency energy to cause said radio frequency identification integrated circuit to become energized to output said radio frequency signal, said radio frequency identification integrated circuit is inactive except when located within said radio frequency signal field;

a reader device that outputs said radio frequency signal field and receives said radio frequency signal, said reader device outputs a release signal if said security code is authorized; and

a locking mechanism that unlocks said entryway upon receipt of said release signal.

2. (currently amended) The system ~~as described in~~ of Claim 1 wherein said portable computing device comprises a personal digital assistant (PDA).

3. (currently amended) The system ~~as described in~~ of Claim 1 wherein said portable computing device comprises a pager.

4. (currently amended) The system ~~as described in~~ of Claim 1 wherein said portable computing device comprises a portable telephone.

5. (currently amended) The system ~~as described in~~ of Claim 1 wherein said portable computing device comprises a laptop computer system.

6. (currently amended) The system ~~as described in~~ of Claim 1 wherein said security code is unique.

7. (currently amended) The system ~~as described in~~ of Claim 1 wherein said security code is common.

8. (currently amended) The system ~~as described in~~ of Claim 1 wherein said radio frequency identification integrated circuit is incorporated with a snap-on adapter fabricated to couple to said portable computing device.

9. (currently amended) The system ~~as described in~~ of Claim 8 wherein said snap-on adapter is fabricated from plastic, nylon, or carbon fiber.

10. (currently amended) The system ~~as described in~~ of Claim 1 wherein said portable computing device comprises a processor and software, said processor coupled to said radio frequency identification integrated circuit, said software operates on said portable computing device and tracks the time and date said portable computing device enters said entryway.

11. (currently amended) The system ~~as described in~~ of Claim 10 wherein said software creates a personal log documenting said portable computing device ingress and egress of said entryway.

12. (currently amended) ~~A docking station security system, said system~~ comprising:

an entryway;

a docking station;

a portable computer system that outputs a signal containing a password after slid into said docking station, wherein said docking station receives and outputs said signal;

a reader device receives said signal from said docking station, said reader device outputs a release signal if said password is authorized; and

a locking mechanism that unlocks said entryway upon receipt of said release signal.

13. (currently amended) The system ~~as described in~~ of Claim 12 wherein said portable computer system comprises a personal digital assistant (PDA).

14. (currently amended) The system ~~as described in~~ of Claim 12 wherein said portable computer system comprises a pager.

15. (currently amended) The system ~~as described in~~ of Claim 12 wherein said portable computer system comprises a portable telephone.

16. (currently amended) The system ~~as described in~~ of Claim 12 wherein said portable computer system comprises a laptop computer system.

17. (currently amended) The system ~~as described in~~ of Claim 12 wherein said password is unique or common.

18. (currently amended) The system ~~as described in~~ of Claim 12 wherein said docking station comprises a mechanical and electrical interface for interfacing with a communication interface of said portable computer system.

19. (currently amended) The system ~~as described in~~ of Claim 12 wherein said portable computer system comprises software that tracks the time and date said portable computer system enters said entryway.

20. (currently amended) The system ~~as described in~~ of Claim 12 wherein said docking station enables communication between said portable computer system and said reader device.

21. (currently amended) A method ~~for utilizing a portable computing device with a security system, said method~~ comprising:

installing a radio frequency identification integrated circuit with a portable computing device;

installing a security code with said radio frequency identification integrated circuit;

transmitting said security code when said radio frequency identification integrated circuit ~~is energized by picking~~ picks up enough radio frequency energy from a radio frequency signal field to cause said radio frequency identification integrated circuit to become energized, said radio frequency identification integrated circuit is inactive except when located within said radio frequency signal field;

receiving said security code; and

unlocking a secured entryway provided said security code is authorized.

22. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 21 wherein said security code is unique or common.

23. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 21 wherein said portable computing device comprises a personal digital assistant (PDA).

24. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 21 wherein said portable computing device comprises a pager.

25. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 21 wherein said portable computing device comprises a calculator.

26. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 21 wherein said portable computing device comprises a portable communication device.

27. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 21 wherein said portable computing device comprises a laptop computer system.

28. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 21 wherein said radio frequency identification integrated circuit is incorporated with a snap-on adapter fabricated to couple to said portable computing device.

29. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 21 further comprising:

tracking the time and date said portable computing device enters said entryway.

30. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 21 further comprising:

creating a personal log documenting said portable computing device ingress and egress of said entryway.